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COUNCILMAN ANDREAS BORGEAS SEEKS RAILROAD QUIET ZONE, INCREASED SAFETY FOR FRESNO RESIDENTS

Fresno, CA (September 14, 2010) – Fresno residents living along the BNSF rail route from Palm and Dakota Avenues to the San Joaquin River may enjoy increased safety and some much needed peace and quiet should the Fresno City Council vote Thursday to approve a resolution coordinated by Councilman Andreas Borgeas.

The resolution would provide funding through a partnership agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and the city of Fresno Public Works Department for the implementation of a “railroad quiet zone.” Quiet zones, or areas where trains do not routinely sound their horns in lieu of alternative safety measures, increase public safety by upgrading existing railroad crossings with the latest warning devices.

The proposed “quiet zone,” if approved by the City Council, will bring increased safety and improve the quality of life for more than 5,000 parcels along the BNSF rail route running from Palm and Dakota Avenues to the San Joaquin River. The city of Fresno has already had great success with the first quiet zone it established in April of 2010 running from Hammond to Ventura Avenues.

“I want to commend the Redevelopment Agency and the Public Works Department for working together to begin establishing this much needed railroad quiet zone,” Councilman Borgeas said. “This will greatly improve the quality of life for the residents living along the BNSF rail route and will reduce environmental pollution.”

If approved by the Fresno City Council and the Federal Railroad Administration, residents can anticipate the project to be complete by approximately December of 2011.

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